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To: All Field Managers
All CA Field Office Archaeologists

From: Deputy State Director, Natural Resources

Subject: Interagency Traditional Gathering Policy

Enclosed is the California State Director and Pacific Southwest Regional Forester Traditional Gathering Policy. The policy was signed on November 29, 2006, and was previously implemented through IM No. CA-2007-017, which expired on September 30, 2008. This IM continues the implementation of this policy on public lands administered by BLM in California.

The purpose of this policy is to promote consistency between the Forest Service and BLM in support of traditional gathering of culturally utilized plants. This policy also emphasizes local collaboration, implementation, and issue resolution. This policy also strengthens our relationship with Tribes and promotes the management for culturally important plants.

With your assistance and involvement, we are working to implement this policy. A next step will be the incorporation of this policy into the California Supplement to the 8120 Section of our BLM Manual.

If you have any questions, please contact Ken Wilson, State Archaeologist and Tribal Liaison, at (916) 978-4648.

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Attachment – 1
Interagency Traditional Gathering Policy (5 pp)